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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 5, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the July 5, 2001 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 5, 2001 Office Action is due October 5, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-3 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for determining the likelihood that a prostate carcinoma is aggressive comprising:
- (a) obtaining a sample of the prostate carcinoma;
 - (b) determining the amount of p27 protein in the sample; and
 - (c) comparing the amount so determined to the amount of p27 protein present in a normal prostate sample, a decreased amount of p27 in the prostate carcinoma sample relative
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